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SUBJ: KISSINGER/EBAN STATEMENTS ON DEPARTURE

1. FOLLOWING IS UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF  
REMARKS BY SECRETARY KISSINGER ON DEPARTURE  
FROM BEN-GURION AIRPORT AT NOON TODAY:

2. AS YOU KNOW WE HAVE HAD VERY LONG, VERY  
DETAILED, AND VERY CONSTRUCTIVE TALKS. THIS  
REFLECTS TWO THINGS: THE DIFFICULTY OF THE  
SUBJECT AND THE FACT THAT WE ARE MAKING GOOD  
PROGRESS. I HOPE THAT WHEN I RETURN HERE  
THE REMAINING DIFFERENCES WILL HAVE BEEN  
NUCROWED EVEN MORE AND THAT IN THE COURSE  
OF MY STAY THEY CAN BE SUBSTANTIALLY ELI-  
MINATED. THE TALKS WERE CONDUCTED BETWEEN  
TWO FRIENDS SEEKING THE SAME OBJECTIVE AND  
EARNESTLY LOOKING FOR A COMMON APPROACH.  
AND AS I HAVE ALREADY POINTED OUT, THE DIF-  
FERENCES THAT EXISTED WHEN I CAME HERE HAVE  
BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY NARROWED. WE ALL HOPE,  
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OF COURSE, THAT THE PROCESS IN WHICH WE ARE

ENGAGED WILL LEAD TO AN AGREEMENT THAT COULD MARK A TURNING POINT IN AFFAIRS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. BUT AS THE PARTY THAT HAS BEEN TRAVELING BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL, I MAY BE PERHAPS PERMITTED TO MAKE A PERSONAL OBSERVATION. IT IS THAT TO ME ONE OF THE MOST HOPEFUL SIGNS IS THE SPIRIT OF FAIRNESS AND JUSTICE THAT HAS CHARACTERIZED BOTH SIDES AND THE CONSTRUCTIVE AND POSITIVE MANNER IN WHICH BOTH SIDES HAVE SOUGHT TO COME TO AN UNDERSTANDING ON THE VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE OF THE SEPARATION OF FORCES. AND IF THIS SPIRIT CAN BE MAINTAINED THEN THERE MAY BE HOPE THAT THIS AREA WHICH HAS SUFFERED SO MUCH MAY AT LAST FIND PEACE.

3. TRANSCRIPT OF REMARKS BY FOREIGN MINISTER

EBAN:

AT THE GENEVA PEACE CONFERENCE, EGYPT AND ISRAEL DECIDED TO GIVE URGENT PRIORITY TO THE SEPARATION OF FORCES AND WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THAT VERY INTENSIVELY. SINCE THEN BY FAR THE MOST INTENSIVE PHASES OF THIS EFFORT HAVE BEEN THE VISIT BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO THE TWO COUNTRIES CONCERNED. AND I BELIEVE THAT BOTH GOVERNMENTS ARE VERY APPRECIATIVE OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS AND THE CONSTRUCTIVE EFFORTS AND THE ENORMOUS INTELLECTUAL ENERGY THAT THE SECRETARY KISSINGER IS DEVOTING TO THIS PROBLEM. THIS ITSELF TESTIFIES TO THE HIGH INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE THAT THE PROBLEM HAS. I CAN ONLY CONFIRM THE SECRETARY'S WORDS ABOUT THE FRIENDLY, FRANK, CONFIDENT ATMOSPHERE IN WHICH OUR DISCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN HELD -- THE TRADITIONAL ATMOSPHERE FOR THE DISCUSSION OF PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ISRAEL. AND ON THE ISRAELI SIDE WE VERY MUCH HOPE THAT THE WORK THAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING THROUGH LONG HOURS OF THE DAY AND NIGHT WILL PROVE TO HAVE BEEN A CONSTRUCTIVE

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CONTRIBUTION TO THE END THAT THE GOVERNMENTS OF EGYPT AND ISRAEL HAVE DECIDED TO PURSUE -- NAMELY A SEPARATION OF FORCES AGREEMENT AS AN IMPORTANT PHASE IN THE PROMOTION OF PERMANENT PEACE. THANK YOU.  
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